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50-MILE LIMIT

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1. FURTHER INFO ON THE ICELANDIC-NORWEGIAN AGREEMENT GOVERNING NORWEGIAN FISHING INSIDE ICELAND'S 50-MILE LIMIT HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DTD JUNE 28. ACCORDING TO THE RELEASE, NORWEGIAN FISHING IS RESTRICTED TO 45 VESSELS, OF WHICH NOT MORE THAN 30 MAY FISH IN ICELANDIC WATERS SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE VESSELS MAY NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 125 FEET, AND THE NORWEGIAN BOATS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME REGULATIONS AS ICELANDIC FISHING BOATS. UP TO NOW ICELAND HAS NOT HAD QUOTA RESTRICTIONS ON LONG-LINE FISHING FOR COD, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENT FOR CATCH

LIMITATIONS.

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, THE PRESS RELEASE NOTES THAT THE NORWEGIAN COD FISHERIES ON THE ICELANDIC BANKS IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BEEN ABOUT 3,000 TONS ANNUALLY, WORTH SOME NKR 6-7 MILLION (ABOUT US DOLS 1.2 MILLION). SINCE THE EXTENSION OF THE ICELANDIC FISHERY LIMIT, THE NORWEGIAN FLEET HAS BEEN FISHING ON OTHER NORTH SEA BANKS, MOSTLY NEAR THE FAEROE ISLANDS. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME NORWEGIAN NET FISHING OFF ICELAND, BUT SUCH BOATS HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR AN INSIGNIFICANT PART OF THE NORWEGIAN FISHING FLEET IN THE AREA. NORWEGIAN TRAWLERS HAVE NOT OPERATED IN THE ICELAND AREA FOR MANY YEARS.

3. THE NEW DRAFT AGREEMENT, WHICH MUST BE RATIFIED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, IS NOT EXPECTED TO LEAD TO ANY SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF THE FISHING CARRIED ON IN THE PAST BY NORWEGIAN BOATS OFF ICELAND.  
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